



Comptroller General  
of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 20548

## Decision

**Matter of:** L. Washington & Associates, Inc.  
**File:** B-260016.2  
**Date:** February 2, 1995

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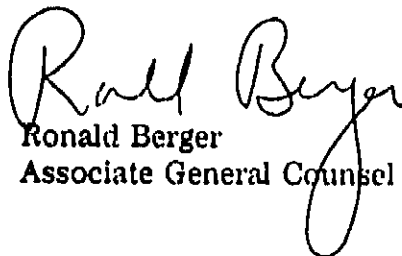
### DECISION

L. Washington & Associates, Inc. protests its exclusion from the competitive range under solicitation No. 94-MA-03, issued by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

We dismiss the protest.

Our Bid Protest Regulations contain strict rules requiring protests be filed no later than 10 working days after the protester knew, or should have known, of the basis for protest, whichever is earlier. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(2). Our Regulations further provide that a matter initially protested to the agency will be considered only if the initial protest to the agency was filed within the time limits for filing a protest with our Office. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(3); Tandy Constr., Inc., B-238619, Feb. 22, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 206.

Here, L. Washington was notified of its exclusion by letter of December 15, 1994, which L. Washington received on December 23. L. Washington's undated protest to the agency was not filed until January 12,<sup>1</sup> more than 10 days later. Therefore, the instant protest, filed on January 25 is untimely and will not be considered.

  
Ronald Berger  
Associate General Counsel

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<sup>1</sup>L. Washington did provide our Office with a courtesy facsimile copy of its agency-level protest on January 12. We did not view it as protest to our Office and did not review the issues or timeliness. We did, however, respond to L. Washington by providing it with a copy of our Bid Protest Regulations and filing requirements.